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Applicant: Arguello *et al.*

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Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: J. Einsmann

For: **METHODS FOR SEPARATING AND/OR IDENTIFYING DNA MOLECULES**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action of June 22, 2000, for the above-referenced Patent Application, for three (3) months, from September 22, 2000, to December 22, 2000. The granting of the requested extension of time to December 22, 2000, will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit. Enclosed is a check (No. 53899) for \$890.00 to cover the cost of extension in the large entity amount. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required with respect to this Petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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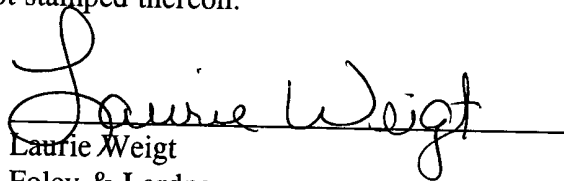
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- * Amendment and Response (duplicates of pages 1 and the signature page)
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- * Statement to Suppose Filing and Submission of Sequence Listing
- * Sequence Listing - Hard Copy
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Enclosed for filing please find the above-referenced provisional patent application. Please indicate receipt of this provisional patent application by returning the attached postcard with the official Patent and Trademark Office receipt stamped thereon.



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